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Enrolment drop puts schools under review

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

Declining enrolment is forcing the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to review the configuration of its schools.

Students were sent home with a letter this month announcing that a five-year Pupil Accommodation Long Term Plan is being discussed with trustees.

Enrolment has been in a slow but steady decline for a number of years, said the letter signed by Director of Education Larry Hope.

"We have now reached a point where we take a look at the empty spaces in our schools," Hope wrote. "Not only are we mandated to do this by the Ministry of Education (MOE), but it is also fiscally responsible to do so."

The plan will be used to pinpoint areas where there is accommodation pressure, where schools are underutilized, and where consolidation could occur.

The cost of maintaining empty spaces, and the reduced staffing that results from lower

numbers, may make it difficult to support a complete range of programs in each school building, says the board website.

Hope told *The Highlander* that every year the board submits a five-year enrolment projection. This time it knows the ministry is looking at school boards across the province with schools at 60 per cent capacity or less.

"[They] want [us] to take a look at whether or not those schools should continue to exist in their current configuration, or whether there are partnership opportunities we could pursue,

to perhaps fill some of those empty spaces," Hope said.

Haliburton County has five elementary schools and one secondary school. Of those, Cardiff Elementary School was only using 20 per cent of its capacity in 2015, with more than 200 unused spaces. Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) in Minden had 388 students in 2015 out of a possible 685 – a 57 per cent utilization level.

Hope said ASES is a bit different, as the

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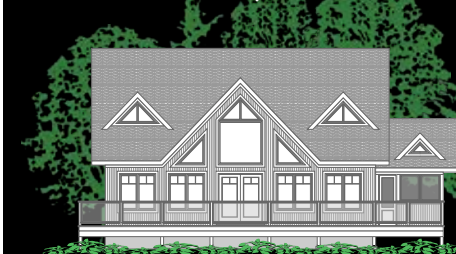
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Human trafficking bill passes second reading

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Laurie Scott's human trafficking bill passed its second reading in the Ontario Legislature on Feb. 18.

But that doesn't mean it will become law right away.

"It passed unanimously, but it does not mean the government will act on it," said Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. "It's not binding."

Scott introduced Bill 158, also known as the Saving the Girl Next Door Act, two days earlier on Feb. 16. It promises to enhance existing laws to create and enforce protection orders on behalf of victims of human trafficking. The perpetrator would have to stay away from the victim for a minimum of three years or face a fine of up to \$50,000, up to two years in jail, or both.

"The victim can bring a protection order against the trafficker, if they're over 18," she explained. "Otherwise the parents can, CAS (Children's Aid Society) can, police can, anyone that provides victim services can step in to protect that girl."

The bill adds to the Sex Offender Registry (Christopher's Law) by making it a sexual offence to participate in the trafficking of anyone under the age of 18. It also promotes an awareness day to mark the continued need for discussion and action, according to a press release.

In May of 2015, Scott, who is the Ontario PC Women's Issues Critic, introduced a private member's motion requesting a provincial task force on human trafficking be established.

The task force would have a similar structure and funding model to the government's Guns and Gangs Task Force.

It was passed unanimously in the legislature.

Ever since, Scott has taken a strong stance on the issue of human trafficking.

"We need to start to tackle this incredibly dark evil that's in our society. It touches all of our neighbourhoods and our towns," she said.

According to Scott, more than 90 per cent of victims are born in Canada. Most are female, hence the name of the bill. Some are as young as 11 years old, while the average age is 16. Many are being lured by pimps through the Internet.

"It is the largest growing crime – nationally, globally, and in Ontario," she said.

The average trafficker earns \$250,000 for each girl who performs 10-12 sexual acts per day, added Scott. Areas around the Highway 401 corridor are apparently centres for this activity.

Scott says it's difficult to know just how prevalent trafficking is in her own riding due to a lack of information.

"You can't get statistics because it's very much a ghost crime and there's a confidentiality problem. But we are naive to think that girls from our area are not at risk of being lured."

Scott's bill received support from Joy Smith, former Winnipeg Member of Parliament and founder of the Joy Smith Foundation; Cynthia Bland, CEO and founder of Voice Found; and Simone Bell, a human trafficking victim.

AH dismay at 'preposterous' septic rules

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

Algonquin Highlands (AH) council is giving up on its request for a rezoning application from the operator of a controversial raw sewage spreading site at Highway 118 and 25th Line Road near Maple Lake.

The decision was announced on Feb. 19, and emphasized council's "extraordinary disappointment and dismay" over what it called a "preposterous" jurisdictional issue.

The township will continue to pressure the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for a greater jurisdictional voice in the provincial Hauled Sewage Program.

AH has been consulting with registered planners and environmental lawyers since July, when it received notice from area residents that the field spreading site application had been filed.

The MOECC issued the site certificate to Haliburton Septic Pumping in September despite protests from many residents over the potentially high risk of pollutants leaking into neighbouring wetlands, waterways and wells.

Complaints about the smell were made within the first few days, even though the ministry had placed numerous environmental restrictions on the operation. The ministry levied a fine, and residents have continued to pressure the township for action.

The MOECC is not required to advise municipalities that field spreading applications have been filed, and while

the applicant is responsible for securing any municipal approvals, the ministry doesn't require it.

Council was advised last year that it could ask the operator to apply for a zoning bylaw amendment to permit field spreading on the lot, but was also told that this action likely wouldn't make any difference. Field spreading is permitted provincially, and the ministry follows the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) rather than the Planning Act.

Council requested the rezoning application, but "the proponent has refused or otherwise neglected" to file it, and appears to be relying on the "much higher standard of environmental protection" provided by the EPA.

Both legal and planning counsels have advised the township "overwhelmingly" that pursuing the issue would be "exceptionally difficult, extremely costly and highly likely to fail," according to the AH release.

"The provincial ... licence on the land essentially trumps our jurisdiction ... and that is very difficult to swallow, and in the end it was not an easy decision," Reeve Carol Moffatt said.

Moffatt said the township would request that municipal consultation be included in future to ensure that program lands are suitable from a planning, environmental, social and community perspective, and also ask for an assurance that appropriate zoning be complete prior to site approval.

MOECC officials met with the township and two other municipalities on related matters at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference in Toronto on Feb. 22.

Moffatt later reported Minister Glenn Murray spoke of the need for a province-wide septage strategy, and that the legislative gap with municipalities will be one of the many things addressed in a new review of the MOECC's hauled sewage program.

"The Minister hopes to have that review complete in the next 12 months," Moffatt added. "Algonquin Highlands will remain attentive to the ministry's next steps and looks forward to any opportunity to participate in the process."

Meanwhile, the township has committed to a review of its sewage facilities and has established a reserve fund for future septic programs in its 2016 budget deliberations.

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No final decisions yet on schools

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board is currently using the oldest part of the building as the Haliburton County Education Centre and offices for some board staff.

"There are five rooms in that part of the building that the MOE deems to be classroom space, or available as classroom

space," he said. "However, we don't use it as that ... so (ASES) is a bit of an anomaly because we are able to recover some of the costs of operating that facility."

When asked if other schools in the county could adopt the same practices as ASES, Hope said the board is considering all types of partnerships.

He confirmed that no final decision

has been made about any of the county's schools, and after March break, the board will send invitations to community partners and municipalities to discuss what he calls "facility-sharing opportunities."

For more information about the Pupil Accommodation Long Term Plan, visit the board's website at tldsb.ca/accommodation-review.

AH struggles with increasing OPP costs

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Algonquin Highlands has voted for continued growth in township infrastructure and services this year despite a projected \$245,800 increase to its OPP bill.

Council managed to keep the township's operating tax increase to just under one per cent at its final budget meeting last week, with total spending at \$4,422,873.

Spending includes initial development work for an airport business park, preparation for revenue-generating solar panel projects, major roads rehabilitation, and the new addition to the main office.

The township's overall municipal tax rate increase will be 5.24 per cent. The county's budget has been finalized with a tax rate increase of 3.84 per cent. The province has not yet released its education rate.

The combined rate increase before education taxes is 3.27 per cent, or \$21.06

for every \$100,000 in value for residential taxpayers.

OPP billing is set to jump from \$491,440 in 2015 to a projected \$737,279 this year.

To counter this, staff did an "outstanding job" in keeping the operational increase low, said Reeve Carol Moffatt in a phone interview, adding council was able to add a little to some estimates and still come in at about one per cent, largely by drawing on reserves.

Investments will include road work on Oxtongue Lake and on Buckslide and Airport Roads (\$323,830) and the office addition (\$590,000). The township will pull \$430,100 from two reserves and borrow another \$115,900 from the working funds reserve for the addition.

Funds have also been budgeted for a new air conditioning system and basement mold remediation at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall, a projected increase in construction and demolition materials to be removed from the Maple Lake landfill, consulting fees for the Pine

Lake landfill expansion, a study into managing Bear Lake Road year-round, \$20,000 toward capital expenses for the new Dorset Community Health Care Hub, and a new reserve fund for a septic program.

According to Moffatt, the township will begin studies to determine what the airport business park will look like. As well, the house on the property will be demolished and removed, and a new terminal building deck and wheelchair access ramp will be completed.

Looking ahead, Moffatt said council is excited about the solar opportunities at the public works garage and airport. Staff noted the township intends to apply for various solar projects, but construction won't start until 2017.

Moffatt said the funding for the airport will begin next year when development expenses related to the new provincial fire management headquarters have been paid off, freeing that levy amount for solar development.

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Editorial opinion

Get creative about our school vacancies

Forget about class sizes, Haliburton County, we're facing a steady enrolment decline.

When parents opened backpacks last week, they found a note from the school board – warning that it's time to take a serious look at the empty spaces in our schools.

It came as a surprise to me as my daughter's full-day kindergarten (FDK) class has a whopping 32 kids and the other two kindergarten classes at Archie Stouffer Elementary School are also jammed.

But the government's FDK program isn't included in primary class sizes because they usually have both a teacher and an early childhood educator. Primary or elementary school class sizes are to have a cap of 23, and are required to maintain an average of 26 children across the system.

But as I said, class size isn't the issue for Haliburton County.

The Ministry of Education says between 2003 and 2014, the number of kids in Ontario schools declined by 152,000. Why? It attributes it to a drop in the overall number of school-aged children, but there are many other things to consider for Haliburton.

It's a combination of factors here, says Director of Education for Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Larry Hope, but it is a fact that people are just not having children like they used to. Family sizes have declined steadily since the early 1980s, meaning families with more than three children are a thing of the past.

Haliburton also has a large number of people over 50, whose children no longer live at home. Teenagers often leave the county for post-secondary education and don't return once they complete their studies. They end up getting jobs, getting married and purchasing their first home hundreds of

kilometres away.

That leads to the effects associated with employment opportunities, or lack thereof, in the county. The job opportunities available in larger towns and cities are often non-existent here. This emigration is part of the vicious cycle. Go to school. Get an education. Graduate and get a job. Have kids. Send them to school and repeat.

Are class sizes low because we are encouraging kids to leave our county for better jobs? Or are kids making the decision themselves?

Once again, the school board will engage community partners and municipalities to identify facility-sharing opportunities after March Break. Parents and caregivers need to take the opportunity to speak up about the future of the schools in our community.

Education shouldn't be about the cost to keep a school open, but I am not naive. I understand that everything tends to filter down to how much schools cost to upkeep and maintain and how much it costs to pay the teachers and other staff.

The board will have to do what it can to find uses for the empty spaces it manages, but it's time to do better. And the matter is urgent. The province is beginning to crack down on boards with huge vacancies.

With imagination and some fresh thinking we can keep our schools open, avoid the closing that would be required with any school closures, and take advantage of the infrastructure we've already built.

This is an opportunity for all of us to get creative.

Let's get going.



By Jennifer Hughey

Talking about a constitution

I'm of the notion that we generally don't agree on political issues in this region. Sure, when it comes to safety and general well-being, we're rational enough to see the big picture, but once an issue enters the political realm we fight over it like dogs on a soup bone.

I think there are a number of reasons for that, although I believe ultimately it boils down to the big two. The first being that not a lot goes on in a place like this (relatively-speaking), so we all like to enter the debate and toss it around until it either loses life or becomes stale enough that we give up caring about it. The second, and more prominent, reason we all tend to disagree is because we're very tribal around these parts. We tend to band together in small focused groups, all guarding our own territories and self-interests ferociously with only a token concern or two for the common good. Unfortunately the end result of all this is a lot of numbing debate over big issues that realistically could change this community in a big way. Therein lies the problem: the overwhelming fear of changing this community in a big way.

The reason that prospect is so scary to so many is the simple fact that we have never really defined who we are, what the area is, and what it stands for. We argue mainly out of fear, worried about how any new ideas, businesses and directions that present themselves will alter where we live in irreversible ways.

The core issue at play here is that we've never really rallied together as a community to define ourselves and, because of that, we will never agree on exactly what we have and where we're headed. It's like a vehicle with 18,000 steering wheels.

The simple solution to this – assuming we can all at least agree that we have a problem in the first place – is to draw up a civic constitution. Nations have them, why can't a county (or at least one of the villages if you want to start with a slow crawl)?

The concept is both very simple and very liberating. As a community we would publicly present all the ideas of who we are and what we stand for, and, once the

definitions have all been compiled, we would collectively vote on the details that would be written into our local constitution via a referendum, effectively creating a collective definition of us on paper for all to see and, more importantly, for all to adhere to.

Now you're thinking: what for? Well, consider the most contentious topics that come up in conversation. It's always a change in a local bylaw or new business wanting to set up shop in the area or a long term plan we're heading toward. Unfortunately an argument always ensues, almost exclusively due to the fact most of us aren't on the same page. So instead, we sit in our little tribes, become obstinate, and fling clumps of verbal dirt at each other. Given those conditions, how can we ever move forward?

But a constitution, drawn up and decided upon by the entire community, provides us with a road map of where to go and what to do. If, for example, the top line item of this constitution says something to the effect of "environmental protection at all costs," then every decision made in the area uses that statement as its ultimate filter. If however, we decided that something like "no level of poverty in this community is acceptable" this would trump the previous statement, not eliminating it altogether, just making one a slight priority over the other.

Our collective constitution would reflect the shared values since we'd both write and agree on it as best we could. It could be as specific as possible. After all, if you're the authors, you decide what the book's all about. Having something like this provides the acid test to who we are and provides that elusive consensus we've never really had. If you want to protect your tribe, you make sure your concerns are raised when the process begins. How far those concerns carry is based solely on the beauty of the democratic process. It thus becomes our blueprint and roadmap, and it's a heck of a lot easier to know where you're headed when you have something to guide you.



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Correction

In *The Highlander* issue 224, Lynn Feagan's last name was spelled incorrectly in the "Cabins remain open at the former Domain" story. In the same story, the name of the photographer should have read Regina Hervy. *The Highlander* regrets these errors.

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Editorial opinion

Kudos to Jack

Dear editor,

Jack is right! I agree that leaving tourist promotion and support to the Internet isn't enough.

Of course an excellent Internet presence is essential. It can get people here. Once in the county, however, a good tourist outlet is valuable support for visitors. This was proven to me last summer during a vacation in the eastern townships, just south of Montreal.

I did book accommodation through the Internet, and had, from the same source, an idea of the main attractions. But to fully enjoy the area, we needed illustrated maps and friendly local advice. These were available through wonderfully equipped tourist information offices scattered through the area.

The offices themselves were attractive, the main one designed to give an immediate flavour of the area through its physical

design and facilities. The staff was extremely helpful, informed and enthusiastic. The eastern townships are similar in many ways to Haliburton. It's a beautiful area for recreation, with hills, water, close to a large centre, but with little in the way of agriculture, manufacturing and steady year round jobs. Tourism is essential there and they work hard at it. The related seasonal jobs are important and needed. The excellent tourist offices (and yes their toilets!) rewarded our stay, and made us want to return. Isn't that what we want for here?

Are they a luxury? Not if well-supported tourism results in new residents, an improved tax base, and the possibility of providing county residents those things needed and wanted, such as increased housing options, a retirement home, a recreation centre and other amenities, as well as jobs and opportunities both in the short- and long-term.

Margery Cartwright
Haliburton

Accidents preventable

Dear editor,

It has been my understanding that, after numerous complaints about the poor job done clearing snow and ice from our roads, the situation was upgraded to improve the condition and timeliness of the highways.

So far this winter, I have not seen that on County Road 3 (Glamorgan Road), which runs from Highway 118 to 503. It is the only major route for those coming north on Highway 507 trying to get to Haliburton. I understand this is the job of Haliburton County, and what they have been doing is clearing the road well after it has stopped snowing most times, then sanding or salting the middle of the road only. I know personally that there have been multiple vehicles leaving the road so far this season. For those who

still insist on driving two-wheel vehicles, the right back wheel is the drive wheel. Riding on snow and ice that hasn't been cleared, sanded, or salted causes a spin out. Time for the county to stop playing with people's lives and pocketbooks and get to work, and do it right.

As for the condition of Glamorgan Road, it is deplorable, and except for patchwork, totally ignored. From Ursa Road to Highway 503, it is a series of cracks and frost-heaved bumps. That part needs serious foundation put down. Right at the north end, the exit lane to come south is not rounded enough, causing traffic to go too far over into the other lane when making the turn. On this corner, usually a piece of the pavement is missing, which does not help the problem.

Seems the problem is really with the management of this road.

Ted Cumber
Gooderham

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Guenter Horst

A beautiful sunrise in the Highlands.

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Whining about Wynne and wine

I searched and searched both grocery stores, but I couldn't find it. Imagine my disappointment, not a bottle of vino to be had anywhere. Lied to again, I thought, as I got back in the truck. Can't trust the government here, just like in Blighty.

And so it was, back to the liquor store. While I do enjoy popping down to the LCBO to buy my wine (the staff in there are lovely, even when I'm totally sober), our erstwhile Premier, Ms. Wynne, had assured me just the other day that I'd be able to purchase a bottle of 'mommy's grape juice' along with my cheese in the grocery store. You cannot imagine my excitement. I was almost drunk with delight. "Almost" being the operative word because just a couple of glasses of the burgundy nectar would have had me giggling, such was my euphoria that Ontario might be stepping smartly out of its prohibition malaise and into the 21st century by allowing the sale of alcohol in stores other than those controlled by the government.

On hearing the news I swooned at the thought that buying a bottle of wine would be as easy as, well, as easy as buying everything else, to put it bluntly. I got giddy

as I reminisced about being back in Blighty and being able to sashay up and down the supermarket aisles perusing not just what wonderful produce I was going to buy to make dinner, but also which wine would best accompany it, too. Ah, those were the days. The ones when I could do a one-stop-shop at 10.30 on a Friday evening and not fear for my life because my lovely wife may not have been to the liquor store, and as such, not have gotten her end of week vino fix.

But find the wine I could not.

And then it struck me, perhaps this announcement of some soon-to-be-available in the not-quite-distant future wine in grocery stores was merely a smokescreen. May be our provincial governing party was trying to blind-side us; make us forget about the ridiculously high hydro bills that we are all receiving at the moment, bills that will only get higher as it tacks on an extra charge for some nuclear plant or other that almost got built but then didn't, to the tune of umpteen billions of dollars!

"Go ahead, double my delivery charge, too. I don't care I'm too drunk to notice!", we'd say.

Or is it the spiraling cost of the OPP that

they are trying to hide behind the promise of chardonnay and pinot noir? Do they think that because we can pop to the corner store then pop a cork we won't care that our taxes are skyrocketing to pay for police forces in cities even more remote than our nearest vineyard?

But hold on, it's worse than that and I know exactly what it is! They think that by giving a little with the wine we might be soaked into a pleasant stupor and not realize that they should be doing the same with beer. Yeah, why can't we buy beer in the grocery store, too? This smacks of the posh folks (the politicians) looking after themselves. Good old Kathleen has probably been caught short of a bottle of plonk a time or two herself, so what does she do? She makes it legal for the grocery store on her corner to sell wine. But beer? I can't really imagine that she's run dry and craved another 2-4 of Busch, can you?

But making it easier to buy beer is not an option. Don't be silly, William (as my mum would say), the Ontario government wouldn't want to take the monopoly away from the Beer Store, a company owned by Belgians, Americans and Japanese brewing giants, would it? No, that would be unfair to them.

Then again, perhaps I protest too much. Perhaps I should be happy that Kathleen is opening up the sale of wine to the grocery stores.

Perhaps I should be pleased that, as I re-read the recent report, I see that people in the GTA will be able to pop into one of 150 grocery stores by fall, to buy a bottle of wine. Perhaps I should just shut up and learn to wait my turn because it seems that the booze bonanza is forecast to reach us hicks in the rest of the province by 2025.

That's just great!

On the flip side, in the same announcement, the Wynne government stated that the province's burgeoning craft distillery industry would now be allowed to sell direct to bars, restaurants and the public direct from their distilleries. Bingo! Gram-pappy go dig that old still out of the woodshed while I paint me a sign, 'Moonshine for sale! By order of the Provincial Government.'



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *How do you feel about the cuts to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre?*



Allison Doiron

Minden

Unfortunately, I do not know anything about it.



Dana Mann

Minden

I do not feel that I have read enough to give an informed opinion. My gut feeling is that it is not good, but, a sign of the times.



Jim and Del Gunn

Minden

The previous management did not do a good job and did not treat the volunteers very nicely. They were told, "we do not need you anymore."



Monika Hutton

Minden

The cultural centre is an important part of the community, but I'm not surprised about the cuts because cuts are happening everywhere, unfortunately.



Lindsay Wilkinson

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If the cuts affect children's ability to learn some traditional skills and important history, then I think that's a problem.

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Why is culture a dirty word?

Dear editor,

Recent rumours and reports about Township expense-reducing measures, including those projected for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (MHCC), have made me think – what can we do to help?

To create a culture in medicine, baking or brewing – one introduces one organism to another to make it come alive. (Hold that thought.)

Culture as a noun means individual enrichment, including acquired knowledge and customs, beyond one's natural heritage and environment. There is the noun culture – meaning a group of individuals with similar thoughts and aims as in pop culture, folk culture, multicultural. So, whether we want to admit it or not, we all have been affected, or infected, by culture since we each began to experience the world around us.

Now, how can we make culture more acceptable and maybe even more flavourful?

We need to change the local attitude towards the MHCC. It needs a rebirth (rebrand and relaunch) to help remove the somewhat misunderstood, unapproachable aspects that have developed. The buildings that the present dedicated caregivers have inherited are

challenging to say the least. Over the years, an inauspicious exterior has been given insult after injury. The recent palisade fence says "stay outta here". Maybe welcome arches could be added over the gateways?

If and when you storm those ramparts, where does one enter the complex? It is very hard to find the way in. Maybe a few banners, a bit of landscaping and some signage could help? One needs to be pretty agile and determined to follow the route and get inside, and then when you do, you will likely be in the kitchen. While that is how one enters many homes in this area (including mine), it seems to be a mistake at the MHCC.

There is a possibility that local kitchen suppliers might like to be invited to show off their craft and sponsor such an improvement.

The visual arts are really only one aspect of culture. Heritage, literature, religion, music, drama, habits, folk art/crafts, dancing, athletics and alas – even selfies, texting, and the other "look at me" current crazes, all fall into culture.

A true cultural centre could address as many of the above aspects as possible. Education should be a key aim of the centre. How about cooking classes and demos? Have some of our local great cooks demonstrate their talents,

especially some of the old time recipes that might soon be lost. How about "150 Recipes from Minden Hills Kitchens?"

What about travel? There is nothing as culturally enlightening as travel. Why not organize fun discovery trips to various cities for anyone – not just old folks or kids.

What about crafts? We recently chased our quilters out of town to Stanhope and then demolished their hive and home in the Pritchard House, just to make sure they couldn't come back. Maybe it could have been moved to our heritage village as the weavers are also there in Stanhope as well.

And what about music? How about a choir or two, or a sing-a-long along with some good beer? Maybe some classes about brewing your own, as it could be a fun addition to an Oktoberfest event.

Nowadays with every possible morsel of knowledge at our fingertips it's the experience that needs to be the attraction. In order to get people to make the trek is not easy. We all need to do what we can to make our cultural centre a viable and worthwhile attraction of our community.

Let's make the headlines read "Culture comes alive in Minden."

Sinclair Russell
Minden

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Photo by Mark Arike

From left, Don Rowbottom, Brad Park, Breanne Pockett, Dan Marsden and students Alyssa Denyer, Noelle Russell, Tori Hawley and Jalen Campbell.

Hal High receives 'truckload' of pasta

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Brad Park's generosity just might give Haliburton Highlands Secondary School the boost it needs to win the Great Pasta Challenge.

On Feb. 23, the owner of Haliburton Foodland and some of his staff delivered 1,000 packages of Italpasta to the school.

"I thought, that's a great thing," said Park, who learned about the challenge

through social media. "The big thing was keeping it local; every bag stays in the community."

The two-week challenge, which began on Feb. 15 and ends Feb. 29, encourages students and members of the community to donate pasta to the school. When the challenge is over, the pasta will be distributed to the county's four food banks.

The drive is primarily being led by Grade 12 students and G7 council representative Tori Hawley. However, they

also received some help from educational assistant Brienne Pockett while Hawley was competing in a provincial curling championship last week.

The school finished in third place last year, and narrowly lost to Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute by .01 units per student in 2014.

"Our goal is really just to beat them to come first this year," laughed Hawley.

If they win, principal Dan Marsden and vice-principal Dave Waito have agreed

to wear macaroni hats and T-shirts for an entire week. The winning school will receive a trophy.

According to HHSS head secretary, Jackie Mayhew, seven schools across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board have competed in the challenge over the past five years. HHSS has yet to win the contest.

Anyone who wants to help HHSS can donate pasta at the school's office before Feb. 29.

Fleming college campus changes name

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The school with the red doors has a new identity.

On Feb. 22, Fleming College announced that their Haliburton campus, formerly known as The Haliburton School of the Arts, is now Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSAD). With new programs added to its roster in recent years, the new brand "better represents the blend of art, design and heritage programs offered within the school," according to a press release.

"Having worked closely with our team of experts in the college's marketing department, I love it," said Sandra Dupret, campus dean

and principal. "The name and logo represents an evolution of our programming."

Dupret said she had input in the makeover just as she does with all of the marketing endeavours.

The new logo, which was created by Fleming's marketing team, is inspired by the school's red front doors and its longstanding history, which dates back to 1968. The addition of + Design emphasizes the hands-on nature of art and design studies.

HSAD recently launched three new design programs: Graphic Design – Visual Communications (advanced diploma), Integrated Design (diploma) and Moving Image Design (college certificate).

So far, feedback from the general college community has been positive, said Dupret.



**Haliburton School
of Art + Design**
Fleming College

A new logo based on the college's red doors was launched along with the new name.

A few comments have been posted on the college's Facebook page in recent days.

"Looks like a hospital symbol," wrote Louise Granahan.

"I love the connection to the red doors – our gateway to art heaven!" wrote Kati Bujna.

Dupret pointed out the name change aligns the campus with other similar post-secondary institutions including Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, OCAD University, Alberta College of Art and Design, and Emily Carr University of Art + Design.

Highlander news

County in brief

Traffic stop leads to drug charge

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A 31-year-old Minden man has been charged with drug possession after being stopped by an on-duty police officer on Bobcaygeon Road.

Just shortly after 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 16, an officer parked at the intersection of Parkside Street and Bobcaygeon Road saw a vehicle being driven in a "suspicious manner," said Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee. The officer detected the smell of marijuana and searched the vehicle. A small quantity of the drug was seized.

Jonathan Day has been charged with

possession of marijuana under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. He is scheduled to make a court appearance in Minden on April 6.

Land Trust hires new director

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

The former chair of the Kawartha Region Conservation Authority is the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's (HHLT) new director of resource development.

Patricia Warren was hired for the position on Feb. 23 as a result of passion for the environment and her many years of experience in municipal government, said a report from Tuesday.

Warren will be working with the HHLT board and program coordinator to protect the natural heritage of Haliburton County.

She will also be involved with a variety of community-based programs and workshops, like the Land Trust's Discovery Days.

Her family has owned a cottage in the county since 1950.

Educators reach agreement with TLDSB

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

The Designated Early Childhood Educators (DECE) bargaining unit and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) reached a tentative agreement

last Thursday.

DECE is part of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) for TLDSB.

The bargaining unit includes early childhood educators who work with teachers in kindergarten classrooms.

"We are very pleased to have a tentative agreement with this group," board chair Louise Clodd said in a media release. "Our early childhood educators have a remarkable impact on the kindergarten classroom, supporting engagement and achievement for our youngest students."

A TLDSB spokesperson said the ETFO DECE bargaining unit and school board looked to ratify the agreement Tuesday evening. As of press time, it has not been confirmed whether or not the deal has been ratified.

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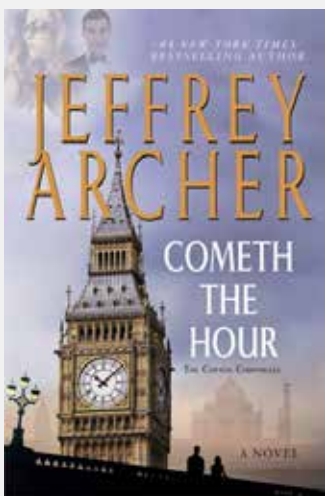
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The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



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1. *Cometh the Hour* by Jeffrey Archer
2. *She's Not There* by Joy Fielding
3. *A Girl's Guide to Moving On* by Debbie Macomber

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1. *Leonard: My Fifty-year Friendship with a Remarkable Man* by William Shatner
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LIBRARY NEWS

Stay tuned for Toddler Time! Join us for a half-hour program including a story, game, and colouring activity on Thursdays, starting March 3 at 11 a.m. in Wilberforce. Toddler Time is for little ones up to five years of age with their caregivers.

New area artist focuses on everyday items

Every once in a while I enjoy introducing an artist who is new to the area.

Rossana Dewey came to my attention recently through two oil paintings currently on display in the Members Salon Exhibition at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. One of the paintings, titled, *On My Way*, was so appealing I purchased it.

She hasn't officially moved here yet. She's still toiling away at her job in the Operations Department at Pearson International Airport, while hubby Steve is in the Highlands helping out with the family business, WRD Cottage Rental Agency. The couple is planning on moving up permanently in the summer. Even though Dewey was at the Members' Show opening reception, I didn't get the opportunity to meet her then, so we chatted recently over the phone.

Dewey studied fine art at Sheridan College, and for six years, at the Dundas Valley School of Art. She said that the modern masters, such as Cezanne and Matisse, were her greatest sources of inspiration.

When she's not at her day job, Dewey has been focusing on her art.

"My job at the airport is very stressful," she said. "Art helps to take away that stress and gives my life some balance."

Dewey is looking forward to moving to the Highlands so she can concentrate on building a body of work. She's had exhibitions in Burlington, Dundas, Hamilton, Kitchener/Waterloo area, and, on occasion, Toronto.

Dewey likes to work in oils with a trowel, though she's also worked in watercolours and charcoal. Our conversation revealed that people are particularly taken with her paper

bag paintings.

"You paint on paper bags?" She laughed at my reaction.

"No, I create paintings of paper bags. You'll have to go to my website to see some images."

Her website shows abstracts of brown paper bags, along with other images including a grapefruit, a bowl of flowers, a teapot, and a milk carton – ordinary everyday items.

Yet there was nothing ordinary about the renderings on her site. In fact, I loved every one of them. The paper bags are just that – paper bags, rolled at the top, like they contained someone's lunch.

There were also some lovely landscapes of farmlands, a subject our local landscape artists have, for the most part ignored. What makes all the images on her website so outstanding is Dewey's unlikely but effective use of colour combinations coupled with a keen sense of design.

She said that she likes "to experiment with space, colour and perspective."

"I tend to manipulate viewpoints," she said. "I don't always stand in one place and I don't just paint what I see. I also like to leave the pieces somewhat in an unfinished state for the viewer to fill in the blanks. That way they become part of the painting. People often surprise me by how they complete the story of the paintings."

In addition to her still life images, which she usually creates indoors, Dewey likes to paint outdoors in all kinds of conditions.

"My selection of colour is influenced to a large extent by the temperature," she said. She told me the piece I purchased, which

abstractly depicts

a multi-hued landscape of fields, with a road fading off into the distance, was created on a warm autumn day.

"I don't go out pre-determined," she said. "I enjoy the challenges of temperature, light and the wind. Sometimes there's grit and sand blowing around and they become part of the painting . . . I love the physical challenge of painting outdoors, including the sounds that I hear, and I want to create something different, and to experiment by pushing my landscapes in a new direction."

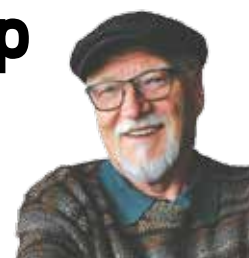
She also said she likes playing around with perspective in a non-traditional way.

"I like to compress space and use bright colours to bring the background forward into a more shallow space so that there's a tension between the background and foreground."

Rossana Dewey brings techniques to our area that she developed with the Dundas Valley School of Art, and I see those techniques adding to, and influencing, the body of work by our local artists in the years to come.

"I was pleasantly surprised by the high degree of art that I saw at the Members' Show," Dewey said, "and I'm thrilled at how I've been welcomed to the community. It's overwhelming."

To see Dewey's paintings and works by other new members, as well as the offerings of established and up-and-coming local artists, be sure to catch the Member Exhibition at the Rails End Gallery. It's on until March 19. Visit rdewey1.wix.com/rossana to see for yourself.



By George Farrell

Adults want in on the fun at the museum

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Visitors to the Haliburton Highlands Museum Saturday might have been surprised to see adults, not children, at the knitting workshop.

But this is becoming the norm, said museum director Kate Butler, and it began when the museum started offering children's workshops last August.

Since then, the number of interested adults has grown exponentially in an array of lessons.

"The adults were so interested in the programs we were offering kids, we decided to do it again for the grown-ups," she said.

The museum began offering single-session workshops for adults in January, and since then the list of programs has grown.

The first, an oil-painting workshop, was offered twice, once in January, another at the beginning of February. They were led by Robert MacBrien who has 78 years of experience. Butler said one of his workshops provided her with an unforgettable moment.

"A lot of people were entering the program

fresh and still created what I consider to be masterpieces," she said.

"Then at the end, the adults got the idea to whip out their tablets and their phones at the same time and take a picture of their work. It was just the perfect example of bridging the gap with [the] traditional meeting the new, and it said a lot about what the museum is trying to do."

A calligraphy workshop for anyone 12 and older was well-attended on Jan. 30. Calligraphy is also known as decorative handwriting.

Butler said registration for the museum's Adult Beekeeping workshop, which takes place in April, is already filling up.

The Internet has contributed to the workshops' success, she said, because people can easily see examples of what they can create.

Andrea Mueller, Dysart's recreation program coordinator, agreed with Butler, and said the same applies for the children who continue to attend the programs regularly.

"It gets them excited when they see the creativity behind it all," Mueller said.

The children's workshops are funded

through a 2015 New Horizons for Seniors grant because they providing seniors an opportunity to serve as mentors, sharing their skills.

Dysart Councillor Susan Norcross attended a jam-making session last fall and said several adults stuck around to watch events unfold.

"They were just as interested in the process and the final product as the children," Norcross said. "Adults started asking for more."

The skills taught at the workshops also fit the museum's identity of being a place of heritage, she said.

"It's adding to the flavour of what we have to offer in Haliburton."

While the grant is currently running on its few last dollars, Mueller is confident the workshops, for both children and adults, will continue.

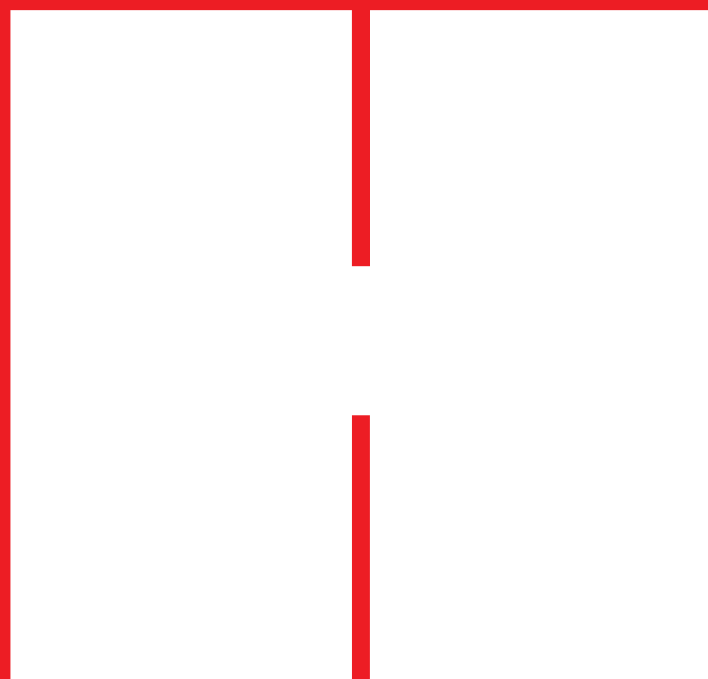
"People have been very involved so far . . . we could probably continue to pool our resources together and keep [the workshops] going."

Volunteers are always welcome, she said.

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Pickleball a star of upcoming Summer Games

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Susan and Stuart Buck discovered the racquet sport, pickleball, in sunny Arizona when they became retirees. That was six years ago and they're just as addicted to the sport now as they were then.

"It's just so much fun," said Susan. "It's easier on your joints than tennis."

"It's a very easy game to learn," added Stuart. "Usually in half an hour you can have everything down."

In the spring of 2010, pickleball started gaining momentum in Haliburton County, thanks to the support of the Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA). That's when the Bucks were asked to become



Photo submitted by Susan Buck

From left: participants from the OSGA qualifier Wendy Kidd, Susan Buck, Donna Teravainen and Carol Williams.

ambassadors for the sport.

"It was kind of a start-up sport for the area," recalled Stuart.

"We've been trying to grow the game as much as we can in both Minden and Haliburton."

Susan, 63, and Stuart, 66, have been pickleball convenors for the Haliburton 55+ Summer Games for the past few years. The couple, who play regularly, have won at the district level and advanced to provincials several times.

Stuart describes the sport as a mix of tennis, ping pong and badminton. A typical game is played with two or four players who use a solid paddle to hit a perforated polymer ball over a net.

In the upcoming District 11 summer

games, athletes 55 and older will hit the court June 1 at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. A variety of other sports and activities will be held across the county between May and June as qualifiers for the provincial games in Midland Aug. 9 to 11.

Categories in pickleball will include men, women and mixed doubles. Spectators are encouraged to attend and watch the action.

To register for pickleball and other open/invitational events, packages are available online at ontarioseniorgames.ca.

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Highlander health

No immunization, no school

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Students in Haliburton County could be suspended this spring if they don't have all of their immunization shots.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit recently mailed about 2,400 notices to students across the region without up-to-date immunization records, according to a press release. Second notices will be sent to parents in March. If records aren't updated by then, suspensions could be issued in June.

Under the province's Immunization of School Pupils Act, the health unit must ensure students are immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chickenpox) and meningococcal disease. Some of these diseases can lead to serious complications or death.

Vaccinations are provided free-of-charge through the government.

Families who received a notice in February are asked to check their student's vaccination record. They can then contact the health unit to provide any missing information. Often times, students have received the necessary vaccination from a doctor or other health care provider, but parents haven't submitted the records to the health unit.

The Trillium Lakes District School Board (TLDSB), which oversees all six Haliburton County schools, was informed



File photo

This spring, students who don't have their immunization shots could be suspended about the notices.

"Both health units inform us when notices are going to be sent to parents about updating immunization records," said Catherine Shedden, manager of the director's office and communications for the TLDSB. "We are then informed about when suspension notices may be issued."

Shedden wasn't able to say how many students in Haliburton County could face suspension.

"This is not information that we will share. It is, however, usually a very small number in any of our areas," she said.

Shedden is asking parents to follow

up with the health unit's request, for the "health and safety of all our students, staff, and school community members."

If a child is missing a shot, and doesn't have a health care provider, the Health Unit can offer immunization options. Students may be exempt from vaccination for medical reasons, or by giving a sworn affidavit that immunization is against their conscience or religious beliefs.

Families who received a notice should immediately call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit www.hkpr.on.ca for more information.

Telehomecare launches in the Highlands

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Some Haliburton County residents suffering from chronic diseases can now manage their health care from home.

The Central East Telehomecare program officially launched Feb. 16 in the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Durham regions.

The program provides a free, six-month program for patients 18 or older suffering from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or Congestive Heart Failure (CHF). Patients will be taught self-management techniques relating to their disease.

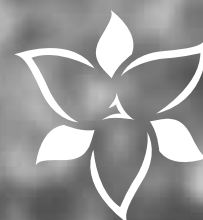
The program is funded by the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN).

Patients, caregivers, Primary Care Providers (PCPs), specialists and other health professionals can make referrals to the Telehomecare program.

For admission to the Central East Telehomecare program, contact the Central East Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) by calling 1-844-607-2549. PCPs can complete the Central East CCAC's Referral/Request for Assessment form, or the COPD & Heart Failure Telehomecare Referral Form, which are available at: healthcareathome.ca/centraleast.

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Highlander life



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Tabitha Henry, left, and Jacqueline Brimley with one of the fire trucks at Station 4 in Wilberforce.

Fire department like one big family for recruits

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

It didn't take long for Jacqueline Brimley and Tabitha Henry to fit in with the Highlands East Volunteer Fire Department.

The new recruits joined the department in January, Brimley at Station 2 in Highland Grove and Henry at Station 6 in Paudash.

"Even if you're a rookie, I've found you're just welcomed and given gear right off the bat," said Henry.

"It's an instant family," adds Brimley.

Although the pair joined around the same time, they didn't know each before. One of their first bonding experiences came in the form of a snowmobile recovery call on Jan. 29.

"I've never had that experience before," says Henry, recalling the event. "It wasn't [difficult] for me. It was a new experience, so I was gung-ho to learn."

Around 11:30 p.m., 53-year-old Thomas Rivers died after breaking through the ice on Dark Lake in Wilberforce. Brimley and Henry assisted members of the OPP's Underwater Search and Recovery Unit, who recovered Rivers' body the next morning. They carried the boat used to move the body.

Brimley, a 35-year-old Beaverton resident, works full-time as a medical underwriter for ORION Travel Insurance Company. She has previous volunteer experience with Victim Services of York Region, a non-profit organization that works with police to provide 24-hour emotional support and assistance to victims of crime or tragic circumstances. She has a cabin in Highland Grove, which she visits throughout the year.

Henry, 22, is from Bancroft and is registered in the Forestry Technician program at Fleming College in Peterborough, Ont. Her mother, Tracy Millar, was recently hired by the Municipality of Highlands East as an administrative assistant. Henry stays with her

in Paudash when she is in the area for fire training.

Brimley became a volunteer early on. She feels strongly about contributing to her community and making a difference.

On a trip to her cabin in July, she stopped at a fire scene (her boyfriend is also a volunteer firefighter with the department) and talked with fire chief Bill Wingrove.

"I guess the chief heard about my background and was soliciting feedback about whether I'd enjoy the fire department," she said.

Brimley thought long and hard about the opportunity because she wanted to be sure she would be able to make the necessary time commitment.

"It's something you should take seriously."

A year ago, Wingrove asked her to assist with the holiday toy and Thanksgiving food drives. She was still considering joining the department at the time.

"Chief really likes using our skills and abilities. Anything we're very passionate about, he'll try to make use of in any form ..."

Henry says Wingrove was well aware of her background because he knows her mother. In college she competes on the Logger Sports team, which includes competitions in axe-throwing and log-splitting. She's also the director of athletics for the student association.

Wingrove also recognized the potential she had to become a recruit. "I came down here just to stop in, say hi and see the new building," she says, about a trip to the Wilberforce fire hall. "Chief came in and he recruited me."

Henry hadn't considered firefighting, but was intrigued by the opportunity. And after attending a Christmas party near Eganville with some volunteer firefighter friends, she was certain it was for her.

"I got to sit in the passenger seat of a truck at their Christmas party," she laughs.

Of the 60 volunteer firefighters in the

department, only 14 are women. However, that doesn't mean they are treated any differently from the men.

"... 'we're treated equal,' says Brimley.

When it comes to physical training, don't let size fool you. It's a common misconception that women are weaker, says Wingrove.

"Sometimes women have to do things differently because they're built different. But [it's] the same result."

All stations train Monday evenings, but new recruits also train on Tuesdays and every other Saturday. This is to prepare them for the provincial exams for Firefighter 1, the basic requirement for firefighters.

E-learning, text books and practical tests are all part of the training.

"We have to be in the region, accountable and on-call as much as possible," Brimley says.

On-scene training is equally valuable. Brimley says Wingrove has been with both of them to provide input when they are out in the field.

"Everybody helps each other out. You learn so much on-scene. It's unbelievable so far."

Last Monday, they had a chance to do some physical training which consisted of checking the hoses on their oxygen tanks and practicing the proper breathing technique.

"I also got the experience of having the breathing pack on as well as the mask [while] completing simple tasks like sweeping and walking," recalls Henry.

One of the most memorable moments of the exercise was trying to see how long she could go with only 15 minutes of air in her tank.

"The fun part of the exercise was practicing with the pack on to get the feel of the equipment. What I found most challenging was trying to regulate breathing. Being my first time in a tank, it was surely a new experience and most challenging getting used to."

Henry goes to school full-time, Monday

to Friday. It has been somewhat difficult to balance everything, but now that the Logger Sports season is over, her schedule will be more manageable.

"I do drive two hours from Lindsay back home and then two hours back [for Monday night practices]," she says. "You have to be dedicated to it."

It takes an average of three months before volunteer firefighters can respond to calls on their own, unless they have previous fire or medical experience. Once they reach the end of their probationary period of a year, they are outfitted with their own personal gear. They usually have their certification by then, says Wingrove.

"We spend all of our long weekends [here] ... we don't have vacation. This is our vacation," jokes Brimley.

"Even if I'm done classes, I'll just come back and wait for a call," adds Henry.

According to Wingrove, firefighters receive points and honorariums depending on attendance. They receive about \$9 per point and \$20 an hour if they are on-scene more than three hours.

They also get paid by the hour when taking driving and medical courses or any other training that is not on a regular training day or night.

Brimley loves her job, and doesn't plan on pursuing a career in firefighting, but she is committed to staying on with the department for the long-term. Henry, on the other hand, is considering the possibilities.

"I wouldn't mind that at all," she says.

Wingrove is always on the search for new recruits. Anyone interested in volunteering with the department can apply by calling the municipal office at 705-448-2981 or his office at 705-448-2440. You can also visit the Fire Hall on a Monday evening, speak to a current volunteer or visit highlandseast.ca.

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MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 223 High single: Claude Cote – 261 High single handi: Robert Terro – 302 High triple: Claude Cote – 711 High triple handi: Ken Thompson – 763 **WOMEN:** High avg: Chris Cote – 180 High single: Chris Cote – 217 High single handi: Chris Cote – 353 High triple: Chris Cote – 512 High triple handi: Norma Terro – 679

Monday evening, Feb. 8

MEN: High avg: Rick West – 225 High single: Mark Arike – 321 High single handi: Ron Cummings – 349 High triple: Ron Cummings – 777 High triple handi: Ron Cummings – 876 **WOMEN:** High avg: Cathy Snell – 235 High single: Nancy Charlton – 289 High single handi: Nancy Charlton – 329 High triple: Nancy Charlton – 641 High triple handi: Nancy Charlton – 761

Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 9

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 228 High single: Claude Cote – 252 High single handi: Claude Cote – 252 High triple: Claude Cote – 739 High triple handi: Claude Cote – 739 **WOMEN:** High avg: Chris Cote – 177 High single: Chris Cote – 220 High single handi: Rae Shephard – 265 High triple: Rae Shephard – 585 High triple handi: Rae Shephard – 747

Wednesday Special Olympics, Feb. 3

MEN: Casey Heley – 169 Robert Boccitto – 160 Jason Hollowell – 141 **WOMEN:** Skylar Pratt – 125 Erika Roberts – 123 Sarah Hudson – 115

Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11

MEN: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 187 High single: John Bell – 297 High single handi: John Bell – 337 High triple: John Bell – 559 High triple handi: John Bell – 679 **WOMEN:** High avg: Barb Ballantyne – 182 High single: Pat Stiver – 215 High single handi: Pat Stiver – 264 High triple: Pat Stiver – 567 High triple handi: Pat Stiver – 714

Friday afternoon, Feb. 12

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 212 High single: Tom Marshall – 233 High single handi: Tom Marshall – 284 High triple: Ken Thompson – 565 High triple handi: Tom Marshall – 709 **WOMEN:** High avg: Chris Cote – 174 High single: Ren Higgins – 230 High single handi: Ren Higgins and Clara Vuksic – 275 High triple: Clara Vuksic – 582 High triple handi: Clara Vuksic – 738

HHSS girls curling team wins provincials

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Not a single person at the Haliburton Curling Club turned down the opportunity to congratulate members of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks girls' curling team.

On Monday, dozens of curlers greeted Tori Hawley, Alyssa Denyer, Emily Parish and head coach, Russ Duhaime.

They were about to play a regular evening league match at the club, but there was a buzz distracting everyone. The cause was the girls' Saturday triumph, when they won the Gore Mutual High School Curling Championships for the first time in school history.

Alanna Casper, the team's second, wasn't present during Monday's friendly match. She was, however, a big part of the Red Hawks' success this year. "They were scary good," Duhaime said.

HHSS went toe-to-toe with Ottawa's St. Patrick's High School in the final weekend. Near-perfect play from both teams required an extra end, and it came down to one last St. Patrick rock.

"I couldn't even watch, I had to step outside," Duhaime said.

St. Patrick's couldn't capitalize and lost 4-3.

But it was the way the Red Hawks recovered from their "worst game of the season," as Duhaime described it, before



Photo submitted by Alyssa Denyer

The HHSS girls curling team were all smiles after their win.

winning the provincial title that really showcased the team's championship mindset.

Hawley, the team's vice, said overcoming the 9-3 loss against Parry Sound in the first round was a challenge.

"It was the worst game of our lives," she laughed, about the match in which the team made less than 25 per cent of its shots.

The girls' strong chemistry allowed them to bounce back quickly. Denyer said the team is comprised of a close group of friends, which helped foster a positive atmosphere during games.

"Other teams get thrown together, and

you're curling with people you don't know, but we've been friends for a while," she said. "Even after the worst game of our lives, we were still supporting each other and that goes a long way."

At one point during the tournament, Duhaime called a time out to talk strategy. He was about to suggest a delivery until the girls revealed their own plan: precisely the same play Duhaime had in mind.

"It just demonstrated how much their heads were in the game," he said.

The girls also managed to power through a late-night Friday rematch against Parry Sound – beating them – and came back strong the next morning against Banting Memorial High School.

The team entered the tournament with losses only at the hands of Fenelon Falls High School. Fenelon Falls lost its qualifying match in a separate pool.

The team thanked the curling club for support throughout the season.

The last time a team from Haliburton won the Gore Mutual High School Curling Championships was in 2009, when the HHSS boys, coached by Tom Dibblee, returned home victorious.

The girls played in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics Championship yesterday, but, as of press time, the final results were not known.

Girls capture gold in snowboarding race

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girl's snowboarding team brought home the gold last week.

Dakota MacDonald, Brynn Meyers,

Christine Bishop and Taylor Coltman were at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike on Feb. 19 participating in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic Championships. MacDonald led her team with the fastest time of 65:32.

The silver medal was won by the boy's team, while Mac Moynes won his individual

race with a time of 57:08 seconds.

The boys team consisted of Mac Moynes, Glenn Bagg, Abe Churko and Jacob Bishop.

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END OF THE LINE: Highland Storm PeeWee A player Ty Mills takes the shot at the end of the third period on Saturday. It was their final game of the season.

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TheHighlander 3-Stars of the Week

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Kadin Card – Novice



It was a tough weekend for the Novice Highland Storm. In a hard fought series, the Huntsville Otters ultimately came out on top, beating the Storm in the deciding game of the series this past weekend by a final score of 6-3. Card capped off a stellar season with a pair of assists in the season's finale.

Stats	G	A	GP
	0	2	1

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2

Liam Harrison – Tyke



The Highland Storm Tyke travelled to Apsley for their first time this past weekend to face the Apsley Flames. The Storm seemed to feel the effects of the infamously frigid arena, as Apsley skated to a 7-5 victory. Harrison and the Storm were quick to shake off the rust, as they routed the South Muskoka Bears 7-1 the following day, with Harrison tallying a pair of goals.

Stats	G	A	GP
	2	0	2

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3

Evan Jones – Tyke



Jones wanted to be sure that he and his teammates had a bounce-back performance after losing on Saturday to Apsley. Unfortunately for the South Muskoka Bears, the Storm exercised those frustrations, blowing the Bears out of the water, scoring seven goals to the Bears' one.

Stats	G	A	GP
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Highland Storm



Storm reports

Novice done for the year

Submitted by Amber Card

It was a tough weekend for the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm, as the team lost the last game of the playoffs against the Huntsville Otters.

The Storm fought a very good battle against the Otters, but fell short with a 6-3 loss. Goals were scored by Cheyenne Degeer, Mak Prentice and Isaac Lee.

Congratulations Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm on an excellent season!

Tykes lose one, win one

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

The Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team travelled to Apsley on Feb. 17 for the first time this season.

It was a fast game with many scoring opportunities for both teams. The Storm were challenged, but responded with great skating, passing and puck battles. Even though the Storm lost this one 7-5, they should be commended on their hard work. They never let up and gave the fans plenty to cheer about. Goals were scored by Connor Byrne, Brechin Johnston and Jace Mills. Excellent goaltending by Chase Winder kept the Storm within reach.

The Tykes were back in action on Feb.

21 in Minden hosting the South Muskoka Bears.

The Storm was hungry for a win, and it became evident from the opening puck drop the team was on a mission. All Storm players contributed to a fantastic game with excellent passing and skating, and they came out on top 5-1 over the Bears. Goals were scored by Connor Byrne, Liam Harrison, Brechin Johnston, Evan Jones, and Jace Mills. Strong defensive play and goaltending helped the win.

PeeWee As out in round two

Submitted by Trevor Maddock

The Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm PeeWee A team concluded their season losing three games to one against the Penetang Flames in round two of the OMHA Playoffs.

The PeeWee A boys' season was highlighted by numerous achievements along the way: multiple tournament wins, an MPS championship, and a semi-finalist position at the Silver Stick International.

With the glorious chance at hardware, it is easy to forget that not all achievements are tangible and easy to recognize with a medal or trophy. Some of the best achievements are only felt inside, and shared with a friend, a loved-one, or a teammate. The experience and the lessons you shared along the way; playing through

both good and bad times; gaining valuable experience, as well as learning and growing together – these above all, are the crowning jewels of all achievements.

You should be proud of yourselves with all that you have accomplished this season. Congratulations!

Bantam defeated in three straight

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Highland Storm Bantam A team was defeated in three straight games against the Penetang Flames in the second round of playoffs.

The Storm knew it was going to be a tough series, especially being short a couple of key players. The first game was played in Haliburton on Feb. 10 and ended in a 1-0 loss for the Storm. It was a defensively played game with remarkable effort by each player, special mention to Carson Sisson who stood strong in net.

Next, the Storm travelled to Penetang on Feb. 13 and returned with a respectable 3-2 loss. The Storm team held their defensive shield up for most of the first period but the Flames managed a goal near the end. The Storm showed a bit more offence in the second and it paid off with a tying goal. Nigel Smith rushed in and made a nice pass into the Flames slot, Lucas Haedicke was right there to chip it in. A great boost for the Storm team and

that confidence created some end to end action.

Late in the third period, the Flames unfortunately took the lead. Shortly after, two minutes on the clock, the Storm got a power play opportunity. They took full advantage of it and pulled the goalie to go on the attack. That awesome effort paid off and the Storm team scored with a shot by Benn MacNaull, assisted by Lucas Haedicke. That sent the game into overtime, and Penetang capitalized on a defensive error and scored, ending game two.

The Storm team showed great determination and drive in game three, played in Penetang on Feb. 20. They came out strong in the first period and got on the board first. Lucas Haedicke scored, assisted by Benn MacNaull and Nic Dollo. Shortly after, the Flames answered back. The Storm did all they could; however the Flames scored another goal while on a power play, later in the third. That goal sealed the game and the series. The Storm team did well, gave their best effort and should be very proud.

A huge thanks to coaching staff Travis Walker, James O'Reilly, trainers Paul Turner and Owen Flood and manager Shannon Walker for all of their time and help with the team.

Thanks to all of the players for demonstrating outstanding growth, tremendous effort, with love and respect for the game. We are all truly proud of you!

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Bancroft Jets

Submitted by Cindy Nesbitt

In the fourth game of provincial playoffs, the Bancroft Rock Breaker/Leveque Brothers PeeWee C Girls Jets were in Haliburton, on home ice, to see the Peterborough Ice Kats.

From the first face-off, the Jets were on their toes, pushing hard offensively, which resulted in many scoring chances early into the game.

With the majority of the Ice Kat skaters on the Jets' heels, the Kats goalie stood strong in the net holding the Jets off the scoreboard after a shot-filled period.

Midway through the second period, Peterborough found their road legs, and scored the lone goal of the period on a breakaway.

Third-period action saw the Jets continuing to battle in all zones. Applying a strong force of pressure, a puck fired by Elyse Ives resulted in Emma Tidey scoring off the rebound.

For the remainder of the game, the Jets continued to pepper the Kats goaltender

with pucks, leaving the scoreboard at a 1-1 tie.

On Sunday, the team traveled to Frankford to go head-to-head against the Cold Creek Comets.

Chloe Billings got the puck to Jaylin Frost, who opened up the scoring early in the first period. Emma Tidey followed up with a second goal when Charity Trotter passed the puck up.

Second- and third-period goals came fast and furious with strong defensive and offensive plays.

Olivia Villamere, Elyse Ives and Hannah McMann all got past the Cold Creek net minder, with assists going to Tidey, Billings and Ives.

The Rock Breaker/Leveque Brothers PeeWee Girls demonstrated excellent sportsmanship to take the game win at 5-0.

Games six and seven will both be held locally on Feb. 28. The girls will face the Lindsay Lynx at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena at 2 p.m. and then will be on the ice at the A.J. LaRue Arena at 5 p.m. to host the Keene Wolverines.



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Highlander events

Solve problems with humility: York professor



Photo by Alex Coop

Dr. Norman Yan talks to guests about lake protection during Environment Haliburton's Annual General Meeting on Saturday.

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

The world's largest problems are solvable.

That was the message behind Dr.

Norman Yan's presentation Saturday at Environment Haliburton's (EH!) Annual General Meeting (AGM).

"Don't believe that we can't solve global problems," Yan told the Fleming College audience. "But we have to be humble enough to understand we're often wrong."

A professor of biology at York University and a member of York's Institute for Research and Innovation in Sustainability, Yan is also director of the FLAMES Lab at the Dorset Environmental Sciences Centre. The Bracebridge resident has written or co-authored more than 200 publications and has 50 years of experience with environmental monitoring of lakes.

Climate change and oil spills are examples of global problems, but locally the county's many lakes are warming at twice the global average rate, he said. Acid rain and metal pollution are factors as well.

"There are a huge number of species that live in each lake," he said, many still not fully analyzed and understood.

The ecosystems in the county's water systems are so complex, Yan said, that after several years of studying them, he discovered he was on the wrong path.

"I chose the route of problem solving, not the ecological understanding of these systems, as my professional goal," he said.

Part of that problem solving involves talking to the public.

"It's humbling to realize the number of skills needed to solve a problem," Yan said.

EH! president Carolynn Coburn said she appreciated Yan's long-term perspective and clarity.

The political will to work with the public and other experts to solve problems, a concept Yan stressed at the end of his presentation, resonated with Coburn.

"We often think there's an easy answer when there isn't," she said. "Political will is really important ... you have to be open with people."

Coburn, who was re-elected as president in a vote after Yan's presentation, said EH! will be hosting multiple events in coming weeks, including its popular enviro-café.

In addition, EH! will welcome Green party leader, Elizabeth May, at the community centre on Aug. 8.



Photo by Alex Coop

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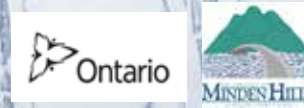


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TAKING THE PLUNGE: From left, Dorset Community Partnership facilitator Collin Reaney, Hub administrative assistant/registered practical nurse Katie Olson, and Hub nurse practitioner Candice Bray.

Taking the plunge for health care

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

Intrepid community health care supporters took a frosty plunge for charity on Feb. 20. The Dorset Polar Plunge took place during the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival.

Organized by local volunteer firefighters and the Lions Club, the event raised \$10,500 toward the Dorset Community Health Care Hub. The event drew 22 participants – the

youngest was 12 years old – to jump into frigid waters at the Old Mill Marina on Lake of Bays, while more than 100 spectators cheered them on.

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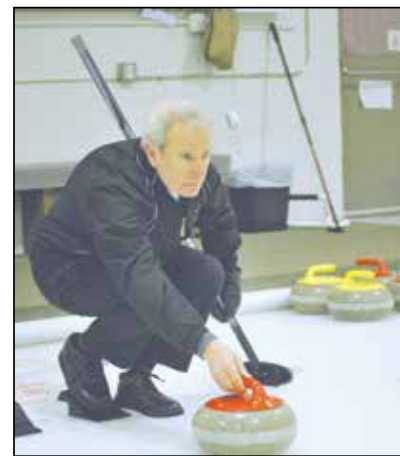
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LEFT: Members of the youth curling team that won the Curl for Care bonspiel. From left, Jessica and Savannah Byers (missing are Holly Parich and Leena Haase). MIDDLE: The Eighth Annual Curl for Care Bonspiel raises money for priority equipment for local hospitals. RIGHT: Long-time bonspiel volunteer Bob MacNaull prepares for a delivery.

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Curl for Care draws young competitors

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Many stones were thrown on Saturday to raise money for the priority medical equipment of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF).

Curling stones, that is.

Sixteen teams and 64 curlers participated in the eighth Annual Curl for Care bonspiel in Haliburton. About \$4,300 was raised on Feb. 20, bringing total proceeds from the annual bonspiels to nearly \$30,000.

The event attracted a lot of regulars, but for the first time, several young curlers signed up.

Savannah and Jessica Byers, a pair of young curlers from the curling club's youth division,

were excited to participate in this year's event. They were on a team with Holly Parich and Leena Haase.

"We joined this year for more [curling] experience and to meet new people," Jessica said.

Savannah and Jessica have been curling for three and four years, respectively.

The girls ended up winning the event.

Steve Todd, of Todd's Independent Grocers, which sponsored the tournament, said he was excited to see young curlers step up this year.

"It's a lot of fun, especially when there are two youth curling teams," Todd said. "Not everyone wants to get into a competitive bonspiel, and this one is all about fun. Plus it's for a good cause."

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and community services.

In the coming weeks the Council will be seeking expressions of interest
for sustainable workforce development initiatives. Watch for
announcements including information on how to apply.

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Photo by Mark Arike

TURTLE POWER: A team from Wilberforce shows off their Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles attire. From left, Heather Kennedy, Ashley Desrosiers, Lauren Hunter and Jennifer Mykolyshyn.

Annual bonspiel a day for the ladies

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Twelve teams made up of 47 participants enjoyed a day of curling at the annual Wilberforce Fevreau Memorial Ladies Bonspiel on Feb. 20.

The curlers, many of whom sported handmade costumes, played two six-end games at the Bancroft Curling Club. The neighbouring club agreed to host the event

after a leak in the Wilberforce club's piping system led to an early cancellation of the season in December.

The top three teams received prizes.

The day's festivities concluded at the Wilberforce club with dinner and raffles.

Darrell McQuigge, president of the Wilberforce Curling Club, thanked the Bancroft club for the use of their space and volunteers, and everyone who sponsored and donated prizes.

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INSPECTION

Bancroft Minden 2011–2021 Forest Management Plan Inspection of Approved Planned Operations for Phase II 2016–2021

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. (BMFCI) and the Bancroft Minden Forest Local Citizen Committees (LCC) are advising you that the Planned Operations for the second five-year term (2016-2021) of the 2011 – 2021 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Bancroft Minden Forest have been approved by the MNRF Regional Director and are available for inspection.

The MNRF-approved Planned Operations for the second five-year term will be available for inspection for 30 days. During the 30-day inspection period, there is an opportunity to make a written request to the Director, Environmental Assessment Approvals Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for an individual environmental assessment of specific forest management activities in the Planned Operations for the second five-year term.

The MNRF-approved planned operations for the second five-year term and planned operations summary are available for inspection during normal office hours by appointment for 30 days **February 16, 2016 to March 17, 2016** at the following locations:

- Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office, 27578 Highway 62 South, contact Peter Nitschke at 613-332-6890.
- MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans.
- The Ontario Government Information Centre in Toronto and ServiceOntario counters in Bancroft and Minden that provide Internet access.

For further information, please contact:

Linda Touzin
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
300 Water Street, South Tower, 4th Floor
Peterborough, ON K9J 8M5
tel: 705-755-1558

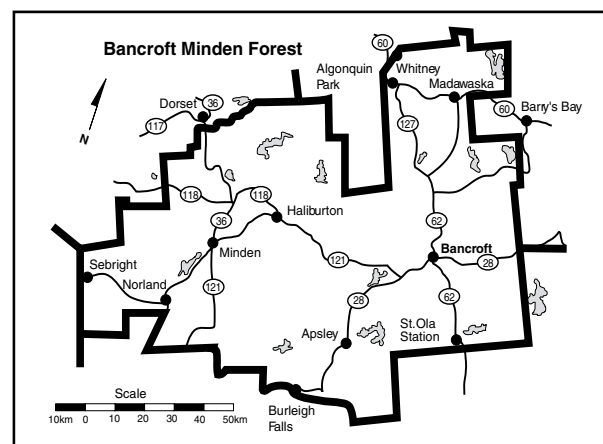
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Jane Dumas
Bancroft Minden Forest LCC
tel: 613-637-5261
e-mail: aljadumas@gmail.com

The approved planned operations will be available for public viewing for the five-year period at the same locations listed above.

This is the third and final opportunity to influence operations for the second five-year term.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Gary Meddick at 705-755-3228.



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Only applicants requested for an interview will be contacted.



MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Pursuant to By-law No. 2014-31, notice is hereby provided that Council will be hold the following Special Meetings:

Special Council Meeting – Monday, March 7th at 4:30 p.m. regarding a Planning matter pertaining to the Lands of Patterson (Abbey Gardens), 1067 Garden Gate Drive, Township of Dysart.

2016 Budget – Thursday, March 10th at 9:00 a.m. and during the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, March 29th. Also, during these meetings Council will be reviewing proposed fees for the A.J. LaRue Arena and Waste Disposal.

Also, during the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, March 29th Council will be reviewing the Procedural By-law.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Coulson, Clerk at 705-457-1740 or ccoulson@dyartetal.ca.

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HELP WANTED

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Exterior finishing company PETRINI CONSTRUCTION is looking for reliable installers. Must be willing to work without supervision, be self motivated, pay good attention to detail and provide own transportation. Please contact 705-457-2754.(TFN)

EVENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10:00am-noon.

AL-ANON - we care, are you troubled by someone's drinking? Meetings: Tuesday 7:00-8:00 pm, St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome.(TFN)

NOTICE



County of Haliburton Planning Committee Special Meeting

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that there will be special meeting of the Haliburton County Planning Committee Monday, March 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting will be held in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON.

Charlsey White, MCIP, RPP, Director of Planning
County of Haliburton
cwhite@county.haliburton.on.ca

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OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of MCKAY, ROBERT WILLIAM (BOB)

December 30, 1943 - January 11, 2016

It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden, peaceful passing of Bob at his winter home in "The Westwinds" Bradenton, Florida.

Devoted and beloved husband of Donna, the "love of his life". Proud and loving Step - "Dad" to Bryan (Heather) of Toronto. Cherished "Bubba" of grandchildren Bridget and Patrick who brought him endless love and joy. Bob was predeceased by his loving parents Robert (1994) and Bertha (2015), and is survived by his sisters, Sandra of Markham and Nancy (Ron) of Orillia. Bob will be deeply missed by his brother-in-law David (Alyce) and sisters-in-law Gina (Tim), Barbara and Darlene. "Uncle Bob" will be remembered by his nephews Jon (Lynne), Tyler (Naomi), Nicholas, Matthew and his nieces Tonya (Dan), Amanda and Stephanie. "The Gang" will miss their dear friend, Bob as well as other family and friends in Canada and the United States. He will be missed for his kind and giving spirit. Bob retired after 27 years as a Business Agent for the Canadian Auto Workers in 2004 and he and Donna moved from Toronto to become full time residents on Maple Lake in the Algonquin Highlands, a dream come true.

Since his retirement Bob was a passionate and active volunteer, volunteering for a variety of organizations in the County. When Bob and Donna began wintering in Florida, Bob volunteer hours declined but he remained very active with the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, fundraising for Canoe, and he enjoyed volunteering for the annual Haliburton Highlands Hospital Foundation Charity Golf Tournament. Bob was a member of the Zion United Church.

Bob was elected as President of the "Westwinds" Recreation Board and he dedicated many hours to improving the recreation facilities and events. As President he raised awareness for the Manatee Food Bank and the Toys for Tots Campaign.

In accordance with Bob's wishes cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Spring in Haliburton.

As an expression of sympathy and in Bob's memory, donations to the Minden Food Bank or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be greatly appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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OBITUARIES

John Thomas

(Resident of Blairhampton, Ontario)



Peacefully at his residence with his family by his side on Monday morning, February 15, 2016 in his 91st year. Beloved husband of Marion Thomas (nee Dewar) for almost seventy years. Loving father of Brent Thomas and family and Marla McKenzie and family. Dear brother of Marion Robinson of Toronto. Predeceased by his brother William and his sisters Vernice, Aileen and Jean. John retired after thirty eight years with Kellogg's (London, Ontario). He died due to Parkinsons. The family would like to thank Dr. Tina Stephenson and the many Caregivers who gave John and the family such excellent care.

Private Graveside Service

A Private Graveside Service will be held at Bethel Church Cemetery at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Parkinsons Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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EVENTS

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1:00–3:00pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

PARKINSON’S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. 1:30-3:30 pm. Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team education room. (TFN)

EVENTS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - we care Meetings: Thursdays 12:00–1:00 pm, Sundays 10:30–11:30am. St. Anthony’s 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome. 705-324-9900. (TFN)

VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength and flexibility. Minden on Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Hyland Crest auditorium and in Haliburton on Thursdays at 1:00pm at Echo Hills. For more info contact Judy Webb at 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551 (TFN)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Income tax program Haliburton Legion Friday Feb 26 from 9am – 12pm and each Friday until April 22. Wilberforce Legion. Wednesday February 24 from 2– 3:30pm and each Wednesday until April 27

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY

2016 Annual General Meeting Tuesday, March 1, 2016 4:00pm Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. New members welcome! For more information please call 457-7751 or email northernlightstheatre@gmail.com


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minden has a Youth Program. Students in grades 8 and up are invited to supper and program every Thursday night from 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm. EVERYONE WELCOME! Explore faith, learn new skills, enjoy hanging out with other youth. Program run by Monarch Bible Camp and Youth Unlimited. Where: Minden Bible Church-Bobcaygeon Road Information: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625

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IN MEMORY



In Loving Memory of
Anna Maria Mueller

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 with her loving family by her side. She was 56-years-old. Lovingly remembered by her husband Larry Porter, three children David, Tammy & Jessie. Her grandchildren Larry, Jessie, David, Violet, Ratana, Jaidee, Scarlet and family.

*Though your smile is gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
Of the one we loved so much.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our hearts.*



EVENTS



Bob & Shirley Adams

Celebrating 50 Years

Your love, dedication and commitment to one another and your family is truly an inspiration to all who know you
~ Love you lots, Your family

February 26, 1966 - 2016

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17. Attired

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19. Classified

20. Acceptance of others

22. Seat rows

23. Mom's sisters

24. Frying ____

25. Aroma

28. Root vegetable
32. Soup container

33. Eats away

37. Fork prong

38. Sternward

39. Car gear

41. Passing grade

42. Debtor's burden

44. Pale color

45. Make a boo-boo

46. Umbrella

48. Moves quickly

50. Lab animal

51. Televised

54. Sneer at

57. Praiseworthy

61. Aquatic plants

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63. Neutral color

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65. Egg on

66. Roof part

67. Like honey

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4. Trying experience

5. Auto type

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53. Ceremonies

54. Brashness

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57. Touch on

58. Impudent child

59. Fluid rock


60. Spud buds

What's on

2016 Winter Folk Camp

Concerts

SATURDAY MARCH 5 ~ 7:30PM


James Keelaghan David Woodhead October Browne

SUNDAY MARCH 6 ~ 7:30PM





Rita Chiarelli Roly Platt Jane Lewis

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FEBRUARY & MARCH 2016 EVENTS

THURSDAY 25	HALIBURTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Haliburton Museum – 1:30pm – Speaker: Chris Lynd on the arts TAOIST TAI CHI – Haliburton United Church – 10:00am – 12:00pm – Call 705-457-5829 SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE – 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca
FRIDAY 26	PICKLE BALL – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:00am – 12:00pm
SATURDAY 27	COBOCONK LEGION – Loonie Auction in support of Fresh Water Summit 6:30pm – \$5.00 incl. light lunch. Cash Bar. LIBRARY – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:am – 12:00pm FLYING CLUB – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm
SUNDAY 28	FREE PUBLIC SKATING – Keith Tallman Arena – 12:30pm – 2:00pm
MONDAY 29	TAI CHI – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:30am – 12:00pm TAOIST TAI CHI – Galway Community Centre Kinmount – 10:00am – 12:00pm – Call 705-457-5829 PICKLE BALL – Dorset Rec Centre – 6:45pm – 8:45pm
TUESDAY MARCH 1	TAOIST TAI CHI – Zion United Church Carnarvon – 10:00am – 12:00pm Call 705-457-5829 SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE – 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca
WEDNESDAY MARCH 2	TAOIST TAI CHI – Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Call 705-457-5829
THURSDAY MARCH 3	Visit www.thehighlander.ca for more news and events.
FRIDAY MARCH 4	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Our Lady of Fatima Minden – 2:00pm – 4:00pm – Everyone welcome
SATURDAY MARCH 5	EARLY ST. PATRICK'S FUN DAY – Bobcaygeon Seniors Centre - 11:00am - 4:00pm - \$5 (Tickets) Lunch is included FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda 705-738-9824
SUNDAY MARCH 6	Visit www.thehighlander.ca for more news and events.
MONDAY MARCH 7	TAOIST TAI CHI – Galway Community Centre Kinmount – 10:00am – 12:00pm – Call 705-457-5829

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH
 General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
 Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.
 Meat draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/ draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester Howse, MC
 Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m.
 Friday fun darts, 4:30 p.m.
 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.
 Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., \$6/person. Occasional volunteers needed.
 Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.
 Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
 Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, Wednesday, doors 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month
 Live entertainment, featuring Haliburton's own Gord Kidd & friends at the Legion Club Room on Saturday, March 5 from 4-7 p.m. Enjoy baked spaghetti prepared

by Ladies Auxiliary for only \$6. Plus for just a loonie, don't miss out on our 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. \$5 cover for non-members.
 St. Patrick's Day luncheon in the Main Hall, Thursday, March 17th 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Irish stew, coleslaw and dessert prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary, \$8 adults and kids 12 and under are \$4.

MINDEN BRANCH
 Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
 Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
 Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
 Big Euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12
 Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-5p.m.
 Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
 Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
 Meat Draws, Wednesday lunch time.

Thursday take-out meals, pick-up after 6 p.m. Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and to place your order.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH
 Youth League, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday
 Jam session, 7:30 p.m., Friday
 Community 55+ plus lunch, 12 p.m., Friday, call Gwen Otto to reserve at 705-448-2106.
 Meat Draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Early Bird 3 p.m. sharp
 Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
 Fun Darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
 Ken McFarlane Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fish Derby, Saturday, Feb. 27 - \$15/ person, one fish per entry, weigh in from 3-6 p.m. – Recipients must be present to win cash prizes. For further information, call the branch at 705-448-2221 or Garry Langford at 705-448-1448.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWERS

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What's on



File photo

Camp goers practice their harmonica techniques at the 2015 event.

Aspiring performers in tune with Folk Camp

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

Winter Folk Camp gives a whole new meaning to a ceilidh, or folk music gathering.

The three-day adult music camp is in its eighth year and is a collaboration of the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) and the Haliburton County Community Cooperative that takes place next weekend at Camp Wanakita on Koshlong Lake.

More than 60 aspiring performers spend their time with artists in residence -- professional musicians who lead specific streams such as songwriting, instrumental music, and vocals, says local artist Thom Lambert of Singing Dog Studios, who has been camp coordinator for the past seven years. The first year, Sean Pennylegion ran the camp. Much of the success of Winter Folk Camp (WFC) is due to Sean's deep connections in the Ontario folk community, and his ability to attract very skilled performers, Lambert says.

This year's roster includes Juno-award

winning blues artist, Rita Chiarelli, ukulele expert David Woodhead, guitarist October Browne and singer-songwriter James Keelaghan.

Lambert says the camp schedule has been organized to give students enough time for Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, hiking and skating.

"Evenings are a combination of concerts and informal music sessions," he says. "The concerts, or ceilidhs, feature three of our artists in residence sharing the stage in a festival format. They are great shows because they will never be duplicated..."

Artists spontaneously sit in on each other's songs, or collaborate to create and play material they may not normally perform. After concerts, participants get together for informal jam sessions and song circles, often playing well into the wee hours.

"We usually have 50-60 participants, with another 20 staff and volunteers on site," Lambert says.

The camp is the only event of its kind anywhere, said Haliburton Folk Society

president Barrie Martin. The artists hired to teach and perform are among Canada's best talent.

"Over the years more 500 people have participated in this camp that blends music performance, music appreciation, and outdoor winter fun," Martin says.

WFC showcases the community to folk music lovers from across Ontario, Lambert says. "Many of our participants return to take courses at the Haliburton School of Art and Design and many of our artists in residence have become regular instructors for the summer school," he says.

The camp works closely with the county tourism department, Arts Council Haliburton Highlands, and the Haliburton School of Art and Design to make participants aware of what the Highlands has to offer.

Lambert said Winter Folk Camp has become a real "incubator" for local musicians.

The HCFS sponsors one adult and several youth participants annually and another 10 to 15 local musicians will attend.

"Those folks go on to pursue music in

a variety of ways, contributing to the rich musical landscape in the area," he said.

New to the camp for 2016 are two non-music streams; Adventures in Art, in collaboration with Yours Outdoors, and yoga with Lynda Shadbolt. Lambert says it's important to include streams for those who don't play a musical instrument but want to spend the weekend relaxing and learning in another way.

Events like this are not possible without the support of sponsors, says Lambert and Martin.

"We are blessed to have the ongoing support of organizations at a variety of different levels; these are the businesses and individuals that help make Winter Folk Camp happen."

Lambert expects this year to be one of the best ever, with 60 people already signed up, and two weeks left to register.

To sign up for Winter Folk Camp, visit winterfolkcamp.net/ for information on which streams are still available. Prices range from \$370 to \$470 for the weekend.

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